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Team Canada executive director Steve Yzerman announces the men's Olympic hockey roster, Tuesday, in Toronto. See page 26 for more on the surprising additions and omissions.

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Attempted murder charges likely after Alberta shootout

Alleged gunman hospitalized. Two Mounties injured while responding to possible murder threat

The RCMP says a man who was wounded in a shootout with Mounties on a farm east of Edmonton will likely face attempted murder and firearms charges.

One officer had his arm grazed by a bullet and another was injured when he was run over by a truck driven by the suspect, who had been hiding in a shed.

RCMP Chief Supt. Randy McGinnis said it would be wrong for people to compare what happened Monday night to the 2005 ambush near Mayerthorpe, Alta., where four Mounties were gunned down by a man hiding in a Quonset

hut on a rural farm.

"We weren't protecting a scene. We weren't waiting for other members to come to examine a scene, to seize other items like ... in Mayerthorpe," McGinnis said Tuesday.

"I have heard that we should have had our emergency response team there when we first went.... If we went with an emergency response team to every potential witness that we wanted to interview, I think that we would be criticized for being a military state rather

Firefight

"This suspect managed to get away, got into his truck and ... we got into a gunfight with this individual and our members were injured."

RCMP Chief Supt. Randy McGinnis

than a police force."

The officer who was run over suffered broken bones and internal injuries and was undergoing surgery at an Edmonton hospital Tuesday afternoon.

The alleged gunman was in hospital being treated for gunshot wounds.

McGinnis said it all started when RCMP got a call Monday afternoon complaining that a man had threatened to go to a farmhouse with a handgun and kill someone. Police then received a call from someone in the area between the communities of Tofield and Vegreville who reported the theft of two shotguns and a rifle.

Five Mounties approached a farm, with two officers staying at a distance as three others went to the house. The officers spotted the suspect's truck. When two of the Mounties looked inside, they found the suspect hiding there and a fight began. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Water main break

Tenants evacuated from apartment building

Four tenants of an Edmonton apartment building on 117th Street are being helped by the Alberta Red Cross after the building's main water pipe burst early Tuesday morning, according to a city spokesperson.

Edmonton Fire Services were called to the building at the corner of 117th Street and 107th Avenue after 5 a.m., which was shortly after the main water pipe burst. City of Edmonton officials say the leak caused severe damage to the first-floor apartments, leaving about two inches of water.

"The suites that were on the same side of the pipe suffered more extensive damage than those that were on the opposite side, but there was water on the entire main floor of the building," said Laura Ruddock, fire services spokesperson.

The Alberta Red Cross will provide the residents with accommodation and clothing for up to 72 hours.

"Typically we're dealing with house fires, but if there's a need in the community for people who have been affected by personal disaster, no matter what it is, we'll make sure they're being helped," said Calli Forbes, communications co-ordinator for the Red Cross in Alberta.

Other suites in the apartment building weren't evacuated, but officials are still investigating to see if any further action needs to be taken. City spokespersons say this time of year is common for water main breaks due to colder temperatures.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



Edmontonians bide their time at the Rutherford Health Centre on Tuesday night as they wait for their flu shots. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Waiting for the shot

The flu. Metro reporter gets a first-hand look at what it takes to get vaccinated in Edmonton

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It took more than three hours Tuesday night for me to get my very first flu shot.

Along with a gaggle of fellow Edmontonians, I patiently waited in line at the Rutherford Health Centre, quietly shuffling

along through the hallways and up the stairs of the south-side clinic for my chance to get a quick needle in the arm.

People young and old have been lining up for the influenza vaccination. Recent figures revealed 500 cases of influenza in the city — 455 of them being H1N1.

"Virtually all of the influenza we are seeing in the province this year is H1N1," said Alberta's chief medical officer Dr. James Talbot on Monday.

With nine people confirmed dead in Alberta due to the flu, pharmacies have struggled to keep up their supply of vac-

cines, forcing people to head to special clinics set up by AHS.

Fellow Rutherford flu-shot patron Michele Saul spent the better part of three hours waiting for a shot for herself and her son.

"I'm getting sucked into it," she said about the recent rush to get a flu shot. "I'm scared and I don't want anything to happen to my children."

Hundreds of others like Saul spent their Tuesday night in a line at the clinic, tiding hungry mouths over with snacks from Cobs Bread and Tim Hortons — all just waiting for the shot.

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H1N1

- In Alberta, there have been 1,335 confirmed cases of the flu, with 1,189 of those being H1N1.
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spray in stock and an additional 700 doses of the injection rushed in, the Rutherford clinic staff did their best vaccinating residents.

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Province. 12 leaders named to new economic development board

Twelve business leaders have been appointed to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Board.

Premier Alison Redford says board members have international expertise in the financial, energy, agriculture and technology industries.

The authority was improved during the 2013 fall session of the legislature, when the Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act was passed. The new Act restructures the governance and integrates the work of the Alberta Competitiveness Council.

The appointees receive no remuneration other than reimbursement of travel expenses.

Redford says in a new release that the smaller board "will sharpen its mandate and

The chosen 12

Barry Heck of WinSport; Andy Calitz of Liquefied Natural Gas of Shell Canada; James Carter, formerly of Syncrude Canada; Dr. David Chalack with AltaGenetics; Marc de La Bruyere of Maclab Enterprises; David Hardy of Franvest Capital Partners; Brian Heald of CIBC; Todd Hirsch of ATB Financial; Yasmin Jivraj of Acrodex; Brenda Kenny of Canadian Energy Pipeline Association; Nancy Foster of Husky Energy; Brad Sparrow of Eden Textiles.

focus on the priorities of diversifying Alberta's economy and expanding our markets."

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Conditional sentence

Edmonton man pleads guilty to immigration fraud

An Edmonton man has pleaded guilty to immigration fraud and was given a two-year conditional sentence.

Canada Border Services Agency began investigating in 2009 after a complaint that a deceased person's signature had been forged for immigration purposes.

The agency says its investigation revealed an elaborate immigration fraud in an attempt to bring foreign workers to Canada. Court heard Paul Gestano McKenney helped foreign workers with applications and charged them for services. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

One day

Hearing into controversial labour law delayed

A hearing to deal with a labour law that imposes a contract on Alberta government employees will start one day late.

The Alberta Labour Board hearing was to begin Tuesday to deal with the Public Service Salary Restraint Act, which came into force on Dec. 11.

The union representing 22,000 government workers, the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, claims the law is unfair because it takes away the union's right to arbitration.

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MacEwan University teacher Agnieszka Matejko is working on a public art project in Callingwood. COURTESY AGNIESZKA MATEJKO

Path paved with promising poetry

Callingwood. Works from residents will be etched into sidewalks

Having your name engraved in a sidewalk is an intriguing idea for many youngsters, but one Edmonton artist is giving residents young and old a chance to engrave more than just their signature in Callingwood sidewalks.

MacEwan University teacher Agnieszka Matejko

has collected over 200 poems which will be etched into sidewalks in the west end neighbourhood.

"I'm collecting poetry from ordinary people — youth, seniors, high school students. I am literally sometimes stopping people on the streets to ask them to give me poetry."

As part of the Callingwood Park redevelopment, a pavilion will be built in the park. The poetry will be etched into the sidewalks that access the new pavilion.

The majority of the poetry

Pages upon pages

48

Agnieszka Matejko has received 48 pages of poetry for the public art project.

was submitted from school children in the area and vary in length and subject.

The poetry will be etched by professionals in portions of the sidewalk near Callingwood Park. The length of sidewalk to be used is still unknown while

the Edmonton Arts Council awaits permission for more dispersed sidewalk art in the neighbourhood, according to Matejko.

A tombstone-engraving company will be engraving the art after they create the stencil, glue it to the sidewalk and then sandblast it into the cement, explained the local artist.

The poetry engraving is expected to start this spring. Submissions can be sent to amatejko@telusplanet.net before Feb. 28. **STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO**

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Dutch-born sculptors Wilfred Stijger and Edith Van de Wetering sculpt a Viking head out of snow on Tuesday in preparation for the annual Deep Freeze Festival Jan. 11 and 12. LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

Let's get frosty

Weekend fun. Deep Freeze Winter Festival returning to Edmonton

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Edmonton's seventh annual Deep Freeze Winter Festival is perfect for residents who like to feel young at heart, says director Christy Morin.

Kicking off on Saturday, the two-day festival returns to the city to celebrate Edmonton's diverse ethnic communities with a special theme: the Vikings are coming.

"We are always looking for new ideas," Morin said. "(The festival) just keeps growing and it is not about being an audience and walk-

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"Edmonton is probably one of the biggest winter cities in North America and I think being able to be a premier winter city and have premier winter festivals is really important to us. It builds our identity."

Festival director Christy Morin

ing through, it's about participating and experiencing it together as a community."

With activities including deep freezer races, tobogganing and a three-on-three hockey tournament, the Deep Freeze Festival aims to celebrate Edmonton's northern roots.

"Edmonton is probably one of the biggest winter cities in North America and I think being able to be a premier winter city and have premier winter festivals is really important to us. It builds our identity in terms of who we are," Morin added.

After moving to the city in October, new Edmontonian Steve Reynolds says he plans on sharpening his skates this weekend to take part in the festival's three-on-three hockey tournament, sponsored by United Cycle.

Reynolds says it is a perfect example of how Edmontonians embrace the cool temperatures.

"Especially if you are new to Canada, (hockey) is something I grew up with and a whole lot of other Canadians grew up playing outside on the pond and on the street. It's just what we do," he said.

McNall

Woman who aided mom's suicide to be deported

A U.S. woman convicted of helping her mother commit suicide was freed Tuesday, only to be transferred into the custody of border guards for deportation back to Arizona.

Linda McNall had attempted to follow through on a suicide pact she entered with her mother in a tent near Hinton last spring.

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Highway 37. Couple lend helping hand to family after van rollover

A Wabamun-area couple are being hailed as Good Samaritans after helping out a Ponoka-area family whose van rolled into a ditch on Boxing Day.

It was around noon when a family of five was driving on Highway 37 East of Onoway. Their van lost control and rolled into the ditch. No one was injured.

A couple from Wabamun found them and stayed with

the family for three hours, helping collect Christmas presents and personal belongings scattered in the ditch. They also cooked hamburgers for the family on their barbecue.

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Odds are you did, says a recent report. Half of Canadians say they spend close to 90% of their free time staring at a TV, tablet or smartphone

Canadian smartphone owners estimate they spend an average of nearly 90 per cent of their free time staring at one of the many screens they own, suggests a recently released report.

In an online poll of 28,000 Canadians — conducted in August by Ipsos on behalf of Google — half the respondents said they owned a smartphone. Of the smartphone users, 99 per cent also had a computer, 88 per cent had a TV, and 39 per cent had a tablet.



Canadian smartphone owners spend an average of about 86 per cent of their free time looking at one of their many screens, a recently released poll suggests. ISTOCK

Smartphone owners admitted that they'd peg their screen time, including watching TV, using a computer, tablet or e-reader at

about 86 per cent of their free time.

On the flip side, they figured they spent only 14 per cent of their leisure time

daily listening to the radio, reading a printed page or enjoying other non-digital activities.

On average, smartphone owners said they spent about an hour and a half each day on their phone for personal use, with about 56 per cent happening outside the home.

Tablet owners said they were using their device for about an hour and 15 minutes daily, and three-quarters of that usage was at home.

Computer users said they spent three hours and 10 minutes working or playing on a PC daily in their personal time, including an hour away from home.

When asked about using their devices simultaneously — for example, swiping and tapping on a phone or tablet while watching TV — 87 per cent said they do it at least once a week.

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Vancouver. Protesters who disrupted Harper event won't be charged

Vancouver police say they won't be pursuing criminal charges against two climate-change protesters who came within touching distance of Prime Minister Stephen Harper on a stage at an event in Vancouver.

The protesters, who have publicly identified themselves as Sean Devlin and Shireen Soofi, walked on stage during a Vancouver Board of Trade question-and-answer event at a downtown hotel on Monday.

They were quickly removed and the event carried on, but the stunt raised ques-

tions about how two activists could get that close to Harper.

Sgt. Randy Fincham said Vancouver police consulted with the RCMP and decided not to recommend charges.

"After consultation with both (the RCMP and the Crown), it was determined that it wasn't in the public's best interest to pursue an investigation into criminal charges," Fincham said in an interview Tuesday.

On Monday, the activists each held up a sign attacking Harper's record on climate change. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Prime Minister Stephen Harper's security keeps watch during his arrival at the Shell Aerocentre in North Saanich, B.C., Monday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Congrats! Washing machine gives birth to fully grown man

Oil's well that ends well. Nude Australian extricated from washer using prized olive oil

A naked Australian man who became stuck in a washing machine as part of an ill-planned practical joke was

freed from the appliance with the help of an unusual rescue device: olive oil.

The 20-year-old man, identified only as "Laurence," told Australia's Fairfax Radio that he was on his way to take a shower on Saturday when he decided to climb into the top-loader to have a bit of fun. The fun quickly evaporated, however, when he realized he

couldn't budge.

He called out to his friend for help, who called the police. They responded to the scene, along with firefighters, paramedics and a search-and-rescue squad.

"He was very well wedged in there, and we were concerned for his health and well-being," Shepparton Police Sgt. Michelle De Araugo told the

Priorities

"I was quite disappointed they used my good olive oil."

Would-be prankster 'Laurence'

Shepparton News. "It was just a game gone wrong. It would be fair to say the gentleman was very embarrassed."

Rescuers tried in vain to pull Laurence from the machine. But when it became clear he was seriously stuck,

they grabbed a bottle of his favourite olive oil to help lubricate his escape.

The oil worked, and he popped out.

"I was quite disappointed they used my good olive oil," Laurence told Fairfax Radio. "As soon as the washing machine went on its side, it was a bit like a birthing."

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Can't-sea otter finds safe home at Vancouver Aquarium

Walter, a sea otter blinded by a shotgun in October, was moved from the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre to the Vancouver Aquarium on Tuesday after he was deemed not-releasable into the wild. The otter suffered multiple shattered bones in his flipper and needed oral surgery to treat damage caused by the shotgun pellets. Veterinarians were unable to save Walter's eyesight. SINDHU DHARMARAJAH/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Gotta whey your options. Not-cheese may be not available for few weeks

Playoff parties may have one fewer dip option this year.

Kraft Foods says some customers may not be able to find Velveeta cheese over the next few weeks. A representative for the company, Jody Moore, didn't give any reasons for the apparent shortage, saying only that they happen from time to time given the "nature of manufacturing."

She noted that the lack of

availability is more noticeable because of the seasonal demand during the NFL playoffs. The company has been airing TV commercials featuring a recipe for a chili con queso dip made with Velveeta.

Moore says it should be a short-term situation and that Kraft hasn't yet heard from any customers who are having problems finding the product. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dude, what did you eat? Radioactive diapers set off alarms at incinerator

Austrian hazmat specialists have discovered why gauges showed alarmingly high readings for a dump truck — radioactive adult diapers.

After unloading the truck, firefighters from the hazardous-materials unit of the

city of Linz found nearly two dozen diapers from a hospital that had become contaminated with radioactive iodine. The substance is swallowed during some medical and diagnostic procedures.

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Life-threatening polar freeze descends over parts of U.S.

Indiana. At least 15,000 people were without power early Tuesday

Brutal cold settled over parts of the U.S., sending the mercury plummeting Tuesday from New York and Washington to Atlanta, Nashville and Birmingham, where many people have little experience dealing with freezing weather.

The morning weather map for the eastern half of the U.S. looked like an algebra worksheet: lots of small, negative numbers. In fact, the Midwest and the East were colder than much of Antarctica.

Georgia, where the temperature dropped into the single digits, was colder than many cities in Alaska. While

Kodiak and Juneau registered 4 C and Anchorage was at -2 C, Atlanta dipped to -14 C early in the morning, or nearly 17 C below the average low this time of year.

"This is severely cold for these parts," said Brian Lynn, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Peachtree City, Ga.

Farther south in Pensacola, Fla., a Gulf Coast city better known for its white sand beaches than frost, streets normally filled with joggers, bikers and people walking dogs were deserted early Tuesday as the morning remained in the negative teens. Downtown, Monica Anderson jumped up and down and blew on her hands while waiting for a bus, struggling to stay warm. "I'm not used to it. It is best just to stay inside until it gets better," said Anderson. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The cold weather makes vision challenging as Jobin Curoe's glasses fog up while walking in temperatures and wind chills reaching -40 C to -50 C on the Lawrence University campus in Appleton, Wis. on Monday.

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Prison brrr-eak

Fugitive too cold to get far, gives up

Just how cold is it in the U.S.? Apparently cold enough for an escaped prisoner to turn himself in. Authorities say the inmate escaped from a minimum security facility in Kentucky on Sunday. As temperatures dropped far below freezing Monday, they say he walked into a motel and asked the clerk to call police. A Lexington police spokeswoman says 42-year-old Robert Vick told the clerk he wanted to turn himself in and escape the arctic air.

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Afghan border police hold Spozhmai, a 10-year-old Afghan girl, in the Khan Neshin district in Afghanistan's Helmand province on Monday. She told police her brother wrapped her in a suicide vest but that she refused to blow herself up at a checkpoint. ABDUL KHALEQ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban deny sending girl, 10, to blow up checkpoint

Human rights groups scoff. Insurgents have dispatched children for suicide bombings, but girls have been used only rarely, they say

The Taliban denied Tuesday that they dispatched a 10-year-old girl to carry out a suicide attack against Afghan police, a day after the girl said her brother wrapped her in an explosives-packed vest but that she refused to blow herself up at a checkpoint in Helmand province.

Border police in the southern Afghan province arrested the girl's father, Abdul Ghfar, and were searching for the brother, a police commander said. The girl, who was detained Monday and identified herself only as Spozhmai, said her brother is a Taliban com-

mander.

Addressing television cameras on Monday, she said her brother, Zahir, told her to approach a checkpoint and ask the deputy commander for a ride with him to neighbouring Kunar province.

"I agreed, then he attached the vest on my body and told me to spend the night here and leave in the morning," she said.

But after she and her brother spent the night somewhere, she said she had second thoughts.

"I said I won't go, then he took off the vest and tried to convince me that they (police) will die and I will remain alive," Spozhmai said. She said her brother then fled with the vest.

"There have been very few documented cases of girls being involved in suicide bomb attacks," Heather Barr, Afghanistan senior researcher at Human Rights Watch, said.

According to Human Rights Watch, an eight-year-old girl was killed in central Uruzgan province in 2011 when a bag of explosives the Taliban instructed her to carry to a police checkpoint detonated.

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Drug lords going bananas?

Cocaine haul sent to supermarkets

Police in Germany seized a large haul of cocaine after smugglers apparently made a mistake that sent the drug to supermarkets.

Workers at five stores in and around Berlin were surprised to find cocaine packed into crates of bananas on Monday — a total of 140 kilograms.

The head of Berlin's anti-drugs squad said Tuesday the crates had come from Colombia via the German port of Hamburg and the discovery was "pure chance." German news agency dpa quoted Olaf Schremm as saying that the smugglers had probably made "a logistical mistake."

It's estimated the drugs would have had a street value of \$8.2 million U.S.

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Syria's chemical weapons

First poison gas batch shipped out

The first batch of Syrian poison gas chemicals was loaded onto a Danish cargo ship and taken out of the country Tuesday — a week later than initially planned, the United Nations announced.

The announcement that the raw materials had been loaded onto the ship at

Syria's Latakia port marked a belated but crucial step in the international operation to rid President Bashar Assad of his declared chemical weapons program by mid-year.

The chemicals removed Tuesday will eventually be transferred to a U.S. ship, the Cape Ray, which has been fitted with special machinery, and destroyed on board.

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"We never do this, especially with girls."

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Sears pecks Canada Goose back over lawsuit

Statement of defence.

Feathers are flying as companies hiss at each other over allegations of selling knockoff parkas

Canada Goose is trying to "bully" Sears Canada Inc. and other retailers through litigation, Sears is alleging in court

documents as it hits back at a trademark infringement lawsuit.

The parka maker's real motive is to curtail the sales of lower-priced winter jackets so Canada Goose can keep selling its products "at a huge mark up," Sears alleges.

Canada Goose alleges in a lawsuit filed late last year that Sears is selling knockoffs of its highly distinctive coats.

The department store has now filed its statement of defence in Federal Court and is taking direct aim not just at this particular lawsuit, but what the retailer calls Canada Goose's "campaign of intimidation."

Canada Goose is trying to claim the exclusive right to sell any winter coat with a fur collar "of any sort" or with a circular logo on its sleeve,

Sears alleges in its statement of defence.

Neither Sears' nor Canada Goose's allegations have been proven in court.

Canada Goose alleges that Sears is intentionally trying to mislead consumers into believing they're buying a "lower-end" Canada Goose jacket, the parka maker alleges in its lawsuit.

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Canada Goose parkas are known for a distinctive circular logo on its sleeve, fur hood and hefty price tag. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



'Crystal clear sound'

Members of the media photograph a glass speaker called Clio during the International Consumer Electronics Show Sunday in Las Vegas. Ever tried to play a tune by rubbing the rim of a crystal wine glass? One company has polished that idea so much that the phrase "crystal clear sound" will now have a different meaning. The speaker uses a single piece of curved millimetre-thick acrylic glass that sits on a dock which vibrates it in a finely tuned way so that it can play music. Clio works with Bluetooth streaming and with a 3.5 millimetre jack. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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The Angry Birds Star Wars app helped Apple set records. SCREENGRAB

Apple says people spent more than \$10 billion US in its app store last year, on apps such as Minecraft, Angry Birds Star Wars and Sleep Cycle alarm clock.

December was the most successful month in the store's history, as customers spent \$1 billion US that month. Apple says the year's total was also a record.

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2012 Concordia disaster

Ex-CEO of Costa Cruises retiring

Carnival Corp. said Tuesday that the former CEO of Costa Cruises, the company behind the Concordia disaster, is retiring.

Costa owns the Concordia cruise ship that capsized off the central Italian coast in early 2012. Pier Luigi Foschi was CEO at Costa Cruises when the Concordia slammed into a reef off an island with more than 4,000 people on board. Thirty-two people died.

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Trying to purrfect the car engine roar

For car lovers, there is just something about a revving engine that gets the blood moving faster.

Now automakers can capitalize on that feeling by teaming with a division of BlackBerry that is developing a way to replicate the sound of yesteryear's driving experience, even as cars become quieter and more fuel efficient.

QNX Software Systems — acquired by BlackBerry nearly four years ago — debuted a couple of concept cars on

Tuesday at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

One is a modified Kia Soul hatchback that showcases a new technology called "engine sound enhancement." In its most basic form, it's a soundtrack that simulates the engine both inside the car and for people on the outside through speakers.

QNX sales and marketing vice-president Derek Kuhn said the sound simulator in the Kia is aimed at drivers who want a car that is better

for the environment but still maintains a sporty feel. In electric cars, the sound can also help prevent accidents with pedestrians who don't hear the engine.

For automakers, it's crucial to get a vehicle's sound right, Kuhn said. The challenge is that every automaker wants a different sound, and the purr — or roar — of an engine can be as much an act of branding as it's an exercise in authenticity.

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An interior view of a QNX concept car. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

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You have to feel sorry for Michael Bay.

Not because he's the director of epic Hollywood stinkers such as the Transformers movies and classic clunkers such as Pearl Harbour and Bad Boys II.

No, we have to send Michael a hug because he has suffered through the worst experience ever. There he was at the giant Consumer Electronics Show in Vegas on Monday, presenting on behalf of the 105-inch, curved-screen TV from Samsung, when he lost his place on the teleprompter and couldn't find it again.

After stammering and shuffling for the world's longest minute, he walked off the stage, leaving the Samsung guy holding the bag.

An ignominious retreat for the whiz kid who learned at the knees of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg to become one of the richest Masters of Tinsel Town, worth more



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than \$400 million, according to Celebrity Net Worth.

The other reason we should feel sorry for Michael Bay is that nobody else is. Going mute at the world's foremost consumer electronics show is bad enough, but the peanut gallery is howling with delight.

Someone said he only did what so many before him have wanted to do: walk out of a Michael Bay production. Someone else observed that it was the first time he seemed uncomfortable without a script.

Whoa. Tough crowd.

And that's going to make it tougher for the 75 per cent of us who fear public speaking more than death itself. Yes, that's true.

Glossophobia, as the fear of public speaking is called, is the No. 1 phobia, beating out the fear of death, and No. 3, fear of spiders. Jerry Seinfeld once observed that at a funeral, most of us would rather be in the casket instead of

giving the eulogy.

Even if it's just standing in front of the class to spell glossophobia, most of us would rather die. My first real bout with stage fright happened in Grade 8, when I was required to stand in front of a packed school gym and play Moon River on the trombone. Somehow I got through the whole thing even though the sheet music kept slipping off the stand. But I kept thinking: there are two people in the audience who actually want to hear this, and I'm only sure about one of them (my mother).

No word on whether Michael Bay's mother was in the audience at CES, but it's a good idea for the jackals to remember that he has one, and she must be suffering agonies for her boy. For the sake of his mother, get off his case.

And if that doesn't move you to sympathy, you can at least learn from this ghastly experience. The next time you have to stand in front of an audience, before you go on, remember what happened to Michael Bay.

If that doesn't cause you to break into a flop sweat, nothing will.

ZOOM

Poached in their safe haven



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Protected whales seen captured

Activists have released rare photographs of protected whales killed by a Japanese fleet inside an internationally recognized ocean sanctuary.

Anti-whaling campaign group Sea Shepherd captured aerial footage of three minke whales' bloodied carcasses lying on the deck of Japanese vessel Nisshin Maru.

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Japan has loophole in moratorium

The images, purportedly taken inside the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary in Antarctica's Ross Dependency, have drawn international criticism from activists and politicians. Commercially hunting whales is banned in the region, but Japanese fleets allegedly capture the animals under a "scientific research" loophole in the moratorium on whaling. METRO



The image released by Sea Shepherd shows a bloodied deck of the Japanese whaling vessel Nisshin Maru. CONTRIBUTED

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- Last month, Australia's environment minister said there would be a plane sent to monitor the operation. Prior to the election, he said there would be a ship.

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Tech giants at the 2014 Consumer's Electronics Show in Las Vegas showed off their latest innovations in high-tech appliances from wireless, app-based plant monitors to a robot vacuum. Here are some highlights of home gadgets meant to make your life easier.



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Parrot Flower Power wireless plant monitor:

Ever wonder if your plant is parched or when its light intensity or temperature isn't quite right? With the Parrot Flower device, you can monitor and analyze the growth conditions of your flowery friends via a Bluetooth-equipped sensor that sends information to your smartphone or tablet using an app.

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@metropicks asked: Team Canada announced its roster for Sochi Olympics. Who would you have liked to see make the cut?

@KurtPenner: I would have picked Marty St Louis! #heart #consistency #goals #speedy #jiltedlasttime

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Daft Punk GETTY IMAGES FILE

Daft Punk to perform with Stevie Wonder

For a group that had one of the top albums of the past year, Daft Punk has been keeping a low profile — even lower than the duo's disguise-happy public persona would suggest.

Since releasing their hit Random Access Memories in May, the helmeted ones haven't even performed live in front of an audience.

But when you're nominated for five Grammys, that's kind of a command performance, especially when one of those nominations is for Album of the Year.

In the grand tradition of unlikely Grammy pairings that actually make a lot of musical sense, Daft Punk will be performing with Motown legend Stevie Wonder, the show's executive producer Ken Ehrlich told Rolling Stone.

Rolling Stone also reported that Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers will perform with Daft Punk, so you can expect a rendition of their megahit, Get Lucky. **METRO**

Pack A.D. to engage new fans with Do Not Engage

Shift in sound.

Garage-rock duo push for a bigger audience with latest album

Vancouver garage-rock duo the Pack A.D. finally cleaved their way onto Canadian airwaves with 2011's Unpersons, a record that strayed far from the skeletal hard blues that marked their early work.

With Do Not Engage — out Jan. 28 — the band is pushing its newfound tunefulness even further, and the duo is blunt when asked to describe the shift in sound.

"Now our songs have things like choruses," said drummer Maya Miller during a recent chat in Toronto. "They never used to. Truthfully, they do have more melodies now."

Shedding their nascent primal-blues leanings almost completely, the Pack A.D. here channel the melodic fuzz of '90s post-grunge and lo-fi for a concise set of 11 songs that recall a range of influences including the Breeders, the Grifters and Superchunk.

There's still variety within that framework. "There's no real consistency but I kind of like that," singer Becky Black muses, but the common thread is a new accessibility.

And that pop craft arrived at a fortuitous time for the band, seemingly perched on the cusp of a breakthrough.

Since Unpersons came out, they became Juno Award nominees for breakthrough group (natch), signed with Nettwerk Records — such a sufficiently large label that Black marvels



Vancouver garage-rock duo the Pack A.D., from left, Maya Miller and Becky Black. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"there's a lot more people to remember" — and whisked their undomesticated live show across some larger stages, including a gig last month opening for the Arctic Monkeys.

Miller and Black acknowledge that a desire to capitalize on such opportunities did influence their songwriting.

"I think it obviously played a part in coming up with this album," Miller said.

"I also think people now can dance to our new album," she added. "I think it's been harder to dance to our music in the past. We used to have less opportunity for that. It was very odd music. It didn't really go anywhere. So maybe

On the band's past albums

"There's nowhere to move with happiness. I think it's a terrible place to be. It's complacency. You do not grow from being happy."

Pack A.D. drummer Maya Miller

it's going somewhere."

If it sounds as though the pair is unhappy with their earliest work — 2008's Tintype and Funeral Mixtape — well, that's pretty accurate.

Those elemental recordings helped the duo gather a following, but they're not representative of where the group is at now.

"For me, I tried to think we didn't do those first two

albums," Miller said. "Not in a really bad way, but it just feels like I don't even understand what we were doing then."

"I guess you have to look at it positively though," Black interjects. "The only reason the albums are better now is because they were bad in the beginning."

And that dissatisfaction pushed them to where they are now. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Pixies surprise again with EP2

Black Francis.

Singer talks about the attention span of the digital world and hiding away to make music

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Metro World News in Boston

After not releasing any new music for more than 20 years, the Pixies dropped EP1 in 2013 with very little lead-up time. The band did it again last Friday with EP2, four rocking new songs from the same sessions that yielded EP1, produced by Gil Norton.

Singer Black Francis says that doing a “sneak attack” release seems like the most logical way to put out music in the ever-changing digital era, an era that finds the Pixies facing a lot of internal adjustments as well. He says the events of the past year have functioned in essence to “change our whole paradigm, basically.”

Founding bassist Kim Deal quit the band earlier in 2013, and the remaining members sacked replacement Kim Shattuck this fall. The Pixies singer says he was surprised with how newsworthy the splits with both Kims were.

In conversation, the man who came to prominence for cryptic lyrics that went from whispers to shouts within seconds of each other, can go from jovial to frustrated in just as little time. What sometimes



Black Francis sat down with Metro to talk about Pixies latest release, EP2. GETTY IMAGES

reads as harsh is often tempered by a laugh, yet he seems quite steadfast in his opinions.

What was behind your idea to release your first new music in 20 years without any announcements leading up to it?

I suppose it has to do with the digital distribution of music, more than anything, and the digital distribution of news and publicity statements, for that matter. Everything happens quickly and you don't need a record company. You don't even really need a publicist! That doesn't mean

that you don't use these kinds of people, but you can do everything from your iPhone, in theory.

When you release announcements like that one and when you released EP1, did you keep pressing “refresh” on your Internet browser all day to see what kind of impact you were making?

Not me, personally. I don't think anyone in the band watches this from a business point of view, in terms of the things that you could monitor. We know that our manager monitors all of these kinds of

things and what he's able to put into a nice, concise email, he'll put it in and say: “So, you know that release thing that we did a while ago? Here's what happened: You sold five copies in Egypt, 100 copies in Canada, 500 copies in the U.S.A.” and he'll give us the whole breakdown.

As far as musicians are concerned, we're pretty content to see what the buzz is, based on what our Twitter feed looks like, or whatever feed the various band members are tuned into. That's my particular preference, Twitter. I don't have any use for the Facebook

thing. I participated in that for some years, but I just found at the end of the day it was too annoying. So I got rid of my Facebook account.

I've heard EP2 now and it does seem like the original intention was to do a full length album when you guys recorded both of these EPs, because they definitely sound like birds of a feather. Yeah. I mean, it's a season's worth of music. You go into the studio for a couple of months and you make a so-called record, whatever that is. You make a pile of songs,

15 songs, 20 songs, something like that. Bigger than a breadbox!

That was the relationship with Kim Deal. She only wanted to commit to a couple of slices of bread and we wanted to commit to a whole loaf.

We had all of this time booked [in the studio] and we had all of these songs written and demoed up and she was like, “I only wanna do these songs.” And we were like, “[long sigh].” We've all got lives. We're all f—ing middle aged, and we don't really want to just dick around on three songs and have that be our big thing for the next six months.

We're like, “Look, we're here with the producer and we're in the same studio where they recorded Bohemian Rhapsody, for chrissakes! Let's f—ing make some music! I've got a hall pass from my wife for f—ing seven weeks! I'm going to use this pass up and by the end of the seven weeks they're going to be pissed off at me because I've been like drinking wine and painting and occasionally making music on a farm in f—ing Wales, while they've been busting ass.”

You know what I'm saying?

That's the kind of world that the boys in the band were living in. We've all got kids and s—. It's like we've all got a pass to be here! Let's f—ing use it! Because I'm not going to have this pass in a couple of months. In a couple of months I'm going to be in a whole other situation.

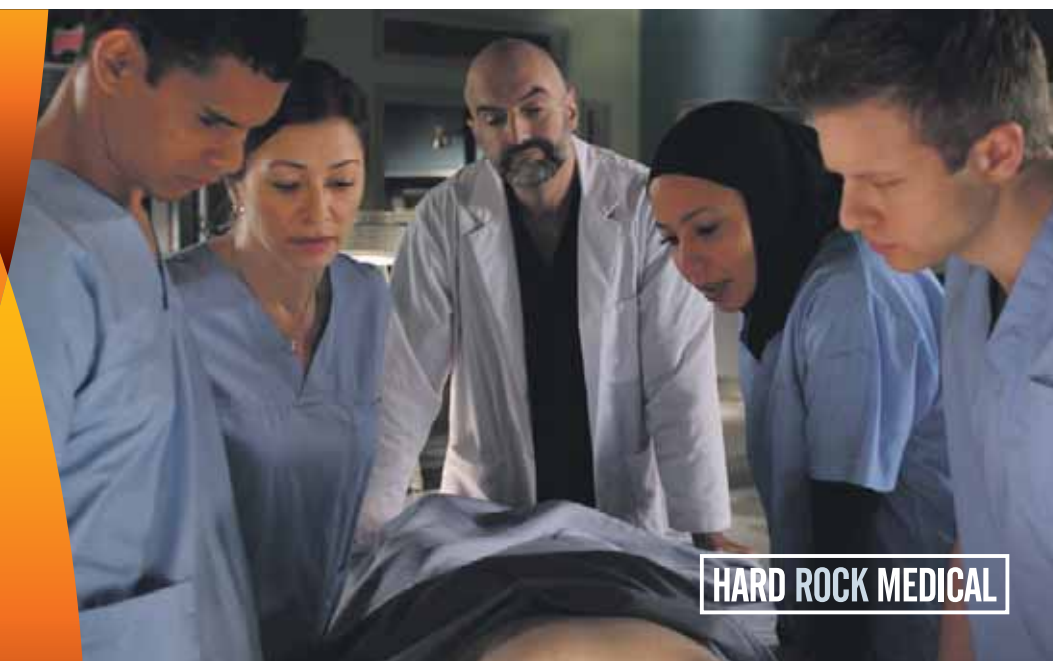
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Tracy Letts

A man who deserves the hyphens



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Hollywood is full of hyphenates, the kind of people who introduce themselves as a model-actor-writer-waiter-personal-trainer-dog-walker.

But there's one Tinseltown citizen who has actually earned every word in his hyphenated title.

Tracy Letts is an actor-writer-producer-Pulitzer-Prize-winner who is going to have to get bigger business cards if he gets any more successful.

You may not recognize the name unless you pay attention to the end credits of *Homeland* — he plays Senator Andrew Lockhart — or if you know who won the 2013 Tony Award for best actor in a play for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

He's a multi-talent with a shelf of awards, some heavy-weight acting credits and a new movie screenplay on his resumé.

His latest project, the script for *August: Osage County*, puts words into the mouths of some of the biggest stars in Hollywood. The film brings together the Weston sisters, Barbara (Julia Roberts), Karen (Juliette Lewis) and Ivy (Julianne Nicholson) with their pill-popping mommy dearest



Tracy Letts CONTRIBUTED

Violet (Meryl Streep).

As a writer, Letts says inspiration came from Tennessee Williams, William Faulkner and Jim Thompson, which might explain the dark vein that runs through his work.

How twisted are his plays? "Everybody in Tracy's stories gets naked or dead," says his mom, author Billie Letts.

Still, there is no denying that his screenplay for *Killer Joe*, the 2011 Matthew McConaughey thriller, is written with what Roger Ebert called, "merciless black humour." The story of a corrupt cop and a bad insurance claim earned critical praise even if the *Women Film Critics Circle* cited the film for its presentation of what they called "the worst female and male images" of the year.

Letts seems willing to take on any challenge to add to his hyphenated status. There's just one thing you can't ask him to do. "I don't act in the stuff that I write," he says. "I have no interest in doing that."

Nicholson gets her big break in August: Osage County

Playing Ivy.

Metro talks to the actress about her breakthrough role

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Metro in New York City

Who:

Julianne Nicholson

Where you've seen her:

The films *Kinsey*, *Flannel Pajamas* and *Brief Interviews With Hideous Men*; the shows *Law and Order: Criminal Intent*, *Boardwalk Empire* and *Masters of Sex*.

Her big break:

Playing Ivy, the centre of the storm of grotesques in the new film adaptation of *August: Osage County*, Tracy Letts' Pulitzer-winning play, which also stars Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Chris Cooper and many, many more.

Was she intimidated doing a film on this scale?:

"Yes. The first hurdle was getting the job. I just didn't think about (the cast). Then I got the job and I felt great. I felt like I intrinsically knew who Ivy was. I was also doing a play at the time, a new Sam Sheppard (who has a role in the film) play, so I felt like I was in that world, in a way. But a week before, I started panicking. As soon as I arrived, though, everyone was really welcoming."



From left, Julianne Nicholson, Meryl Streep and Margo Martindale in *August: Osage County*. CONTRIBUTED

bringing the right people together to get the best out of them."

On doing a play on film:

"I didn't look at it as a play. I had seen the play and I had loved it. But enough time had passed that I didn't remember any specifics. It wasn't like I had to recreate anything. And it's an amazing piece that's perfectly written."

Doing a play on film by a TV director:

"John (Wells)' strength is with ensembles. He has a history of doing that with *ER* and *Shameless* and *The Company Men*. He has a real knack for

bringing the right people together to get the best out of them."

Shooting the big set piece, a 19-page dinner scene, over four days:

"(Wells) broke it up into three sections, six or seven pages for each part. We rehearsed the whole thing through at Meryl's house. We all sat around the table and ate dinner while we rehearsed the lines and got the rhythm of it, discovered beats. When shooting it, it didn't feel choppy. It felt like everyone knew their lines. We probably could have done

it straight through every time."

On it feeling like a play:

"Early on it felt like the beginning days of a play, when you're sitting around talking, before you put it on its feet. You're sharing stories and exploring ideas and asking questions. It was also just being together, getting to know each other, picking up each other's mannerisms, creating a feel of history so that when you start filming you already know each other, rather than showing up on the first day and acting like someone's your sister."

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Getting to know TV stars

Metro caught up with a few of the actors who will be on your tube this winter.



Chicago PD

Sophia Bush of Chicago PD

Who's your dream buddy cop?

I have an obsession with Woody Harrelson's work. And he's playing a cop on

his new show. I'd love to trade thoughts with him!

Fave all-time cop show or movie theme song?
The theme song to Dragnet. Hands down.

If I was a cop for a day I'd be most excited to _____
Flip the sirens on. A lot.
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Grace Park of Hawaii Five-o

Which TV cop duo or team would you most like to partner up with?
Poncho from CHiPs.

You're stranded on a deserted island - what's the one thing you would bring?
LOST DVD set.

Favourite Canadian travel destination? Favourite Canadian travel memory?
Whistler, Tofino and B.C. camping.
GLOBAL ON FRIDAY - 9PM ET/PT



NCIS: LA

Eric Christian Olsen of NCIS: LA

Which TV cop duo would you most like to partner up with?
CHiPs. 'Cause four wheels move the body, two wheels

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Twilight's Lutz on those Miley rumours

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News

Ever since being spotted together at Beacher's Madhouse MGM around New Year's, The Legend of Hercules star Kellan Lutz has been linked with the world's most famous twerk monster, Miley Cyrus. But is there any truth to that rumour? We spoke to Lutz, who set the record straight.

"I adore the girl, and people assume stuff just because you're

photographed at a party with multitudes of celebrities and public figures," he says.

"She's been a close friend of mine for years and we're friends. It's always great to hang out, especially with her being so busy and me being so busy.

"But the gossip and all these rumours that insiders say, they're funny because I don't look at these tabloids. ... I'm like, 'Where do people come up with this?' It's like people can just say 'insiders said' and then they can cover their butts that way. But no, she's an awesome girl and a really good friend."

So, folks, time to put away those fantasies of a tongue-wagging vampire baby.

Twitter



@samantharonson

Tried to be a human being and went to sleep before midnight, now I'm wide awake. Is this what you guys do? Now what?



@DanaDelany

lost 150 followers with Twitter update. Weird. Anyone else?



@SteveMartinToGo

I'd like to apologize for calling Polar Vortex winter. It's actually more of a spring.

American Horror Story co-stars to wed — despite domestic abuse arrest

Evan Peters reportedly proposed to his American Horror Story co-star and girlfriend, Emma Roberts, over the holidays in New York before heading off to London for New Year's, according to People magazine.

The couple returned to the U.S. this week, with Roberts


sporting a diamond on her ring finger.

Roberts, who has been dating Peters since 2012, was arrested on domestic violence charges last year after an incident that left Peters bloodied, though she was released a few hours later after he refused to press charges.



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Thaw the winter chill with an overview of some great beaches



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What with ice storms and snow and cold snaps, we could all use a bit of sand and surf right about now. Here's a look at eight of my favourite beaches in North America and the Caribbean.

Trunk Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

Perhaps the prettiest beach I've ever seen, with incredible water and even an underwater snorkelling trail you can follow. There's hardly a building in sight, the water is calm and

there are great views of the British Virgin Islands.

Napili Beach, Maui, Hawaii

A perfect crescent of soft sand on a beach where no building can go more than two stories high. Safe for kids at the north end and decent body-surfing at the south end, plus awesome views of nearby Molokai and killer sunsets.

Miami

Yeah, this is an obvious, easy one. But how can you resist the pretty people and great bars and the luscious Art Deco architecture? Try the SoHo Beach House for an artsy hotel stay or strut your stuff on Haulover Beach, one of the few legal nude beaches in the U.S.

Sugar Beach, St. Lucia

It's not big but it's flanked by glorious, jungle-clad, deep green outcroppings of rock called The Pitons. There's a



Valley Church Beach on Antigua has lovely sand and smooth, clear waters.

great snorkelling reef that's a UNESCO heritage site.

Tulum, Mexico

If you get tired of checking out the pretty, young people cavorting in the aquamarine

water, you can gaze at the lovely rock formations or soak in the view of Mayan ruins overlooking the sea.

Valley Church, Antigua

The soft, white sand goes

on for a good long while and the beach is flanked by pretty green hills dotted with vacation homes. There's a nice beach bar called The Nest.

Capitola, California

I once called this village the best California surf town. The Beach Boys never sang about. There's a pier for viewing sea lions or surfers and several rows of colourful homes right on the sand.

Hanalei Beach, Kauai, Hawaii

A gorgeous, long stretch on the north coast. It can be rainy here but the views of the nearby mountains are glorious. The beach was featured in the movie *The Descendants* with George Clooney. I don't think you'll see him, but hope springs eternal, doesn't it?

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How to take that epic, round-the-world trip

Tired of doing the same thing day after day? Wish you could pack it in and spend 2014 exploring the far corners of the world? With a little bit of planning, taking a travel sabbatical is possible.



ON THE MOVE
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Set the date

Put a concrete departure date on the calendar. Give yourself an extra psychological push by tying it to a life event like a milestone birthday or work anniversary. Discuss your plans with family, friends and colleagues. This will help make them feel real and you will get valuable input on your trip planning. Building support can help keep you from wimping out.



Work it out at work

It would be nice if every employer offered sabbatical programs, but the truth is they are few and far between. If no explicit policies exist try to negotiate an unpaid leave of absence. Have the conversation with the boss and explain how your year off will benefit the workplace upon your return. Give lots of notice and offer to train up your replacement. You may have to end up quitting, but make sure that you do it respectfully and leave with a good reference.

Don't break the bank

It's hard to save enough to cover a missing salary, but try. Cut your expenses as much as possible. Consider a side income while you are gone; rent your house or condo, sell your car or consider doing some part time or casual work while you are gone. Train yourself up to teach English abroad or make sure you are spending time in a country where you might be allowed to work part time in your own field. Also consider saving money by house, pet or baby-sitting while on the road.



Have kids? Bring 'em

Writer Heather Greenwood Davis recently took a year off with her family of four. According to @greenwooddavis, "My kids missed grades 2 and 4 when we traveled. We can't replace that and we didn't try to replicate it on the road. Instead what my kids got out of our year of travel was a different education. Parts of what they learned will affect their education in high school, in university and onwards. On top of that it has also affected their social abilities, their confidence and how they relate to the news they get on the playground."



Heather Greenwood Davis and family.
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Luxury meets ease: Bacon-Wrapped Scallops

Appetizer. What do you do if unexpected guests pop up at your door? Serve this super simple dish

Bacon-wrapped scallops are one of the most luxurious appetizers you can serve, not to mention one of the easiest to prepare.

Because there are only two main ingredients in this dish, you need to make sure you use the best quality — the biggest, freshest sea scallops you can find, and the most flavourful bacon. After that, they are so easy to grill that you hardly need a recipe.

There are two types of scallops, but only one of them is appropriate for the grill.

Tiny bay scallops are so sweet, you can eat them raw or just lightly sautéed. But they also are more expensive and not suited for grilling. What you want are the larger, less expensive sea scallops.

This all-protein finger

food appetizer is perfect for entertaining. It's simple to prep and quick to cook. You even could prepare them in advance.

Pre-cook the bacon to render some of the fat and make it soft and pliable for wrapping around the scallops. Then just refrigerate until your guests arrive and pop them on the grill when you want them.

They pair well with a simple maple-mustard sauce that is delicious dolloped on top of the scallops just before serving.

1. Heat the oven to 400 F. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Heat the grill to medium-high.

2. In a small bowl, mix together the mustard and maple syrup. Set aside.

3. Use paper towels to blot dry the scallops. Arrange them on a plate, then set aside.

4. Arrange the bacon in a single layer on the rack over the baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until just starting to cook.

Cooking tip

The scallops take very little time to cook, so you can cook the bacon in the oven or microwave for a couple of minutes before you wrap it around the scallops. That way, you are guaranteed to get crispy bacon and tender scallops.

Do not fully cook the bacon. Remove the bacon from the oven. If too hot to handle, let cool for several minutes. Once the bacon can be handled, wrap one slice of bacon around each scallop. Secure in place by threading one of the toothpicks through the bacon and scallop.

5. Use a pastry brush to lightly brush the tops and bottoms of the scallops with bacon fat from the pan. Season with salt and pepper. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side. Serve with the sauce for dolloping a bit onto each.

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Ingredients

- 2 tbsp whole-grain mustard
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 lb jumbo sea scallops
- 1/2 lb centre-cut bacon
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Round wooden toothpicks,

soaked in water for 30 minutes

This recipe makes 12 to 14 scallops. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MEGHAN GREAVES
Metro World News

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Ask as you go

One of the easiest ways to build your references is to treat the connection process as an ongoing activity. This will help you avoid scrambling to remember all your important contacts when you need them.

Be sure to ask your po-



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tential references if they would be willing to give you a professional or personal reference letter, depending on the situation, once your work with them is complete.

If you aren't sure about the strength of your connection, stay in contact and work on building a relationship through email.

Don't be afraid to ask

Asking someone for a reference doesn't have to be a daunting task — you've likely already established a good relationship with them.

Also, it isn't mandatory to ask for a reference face-to-face. Though this is the most formal way to ask for a reference, if the idea truly puts you out of your comfort zone or you can't meet with the person, over the phone or via email works well too.

Keep it brief

Asking for a reference shouldn't be a speech about your life and why you deserve a reference from the person. Explain why you'd like them to be a reference and ask if they're comfortable doing so.

You don't want to waste their time — let them guide the conversation.

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three when applying for a job) shows that you have been able to take on multiple tasks and successfully complete them.

Volunteer experiences, work experiences, projects or participation in different societies are all good examples of tasks that require dedication and purpose.

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your resumé more substantial.

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All set up for Sochi

Olympic hockey. Kunitz, Marleau, Carter among questioned picks with likes of St. Louis, Giroux on outside looking in

For more than four months, Team Canada's management staff anguished over these decisions.

Still, it took until 1 a.m. ET Tuesday — 10 hours before the team was to be unveiled — for executive director Steve Yzerman and his staff to come up with a final 25-man roster for the Sochi Olympics.

"We had gone out last night for dinner and came back. We were down to a couple of names and it was a real strong, healthy debate," St. Louis Blues general manager Doug Armstrong said. "At some point we had to stop at 25. When we got to that last name, we shook hands and said we're excited about this team."

With another gold medal the only measure of success, Yzerman, Armstrong and the rest of the management team read off names one by one, listing the group they hope will get the job done. Chris Kunitz, Patrick Marleau and Jeff Carter had their names called, while Claude Giroux, Logan Couture, Martin St. Louis and many others got phone calls from the staff delivering the bad news.

"The calls this morning to the guys that weren't making it, those are real difficult calls," Boston Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli said at Tuesday's news conference in Mississauga. "It kind of leaves an empty feeling in your stomach."

As difficult as those decisions and conversations were, they were necessary.

In the final analysis, Canada



Canadian men's Olympic hockey team executive director Steve Yzerman, left, and head coach Mike Babcock during the announcement of the 25-man roster on Tuesday in Toronto. ABEIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES

Canada's 25-man roster

Goalies. Roberto Luongo, Carey Price, Mike Smith.

Defencemen. Jay Bouwmeester, Drew Doughty, Dan Hamhuis, Duncan Keith, Alex Pietrangolo, P.K. Subban, Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Shea Weber.

Forwards. Jamie Benn, Patrice Bergeron, Jeff Carter, Sidney Crosby, Matt Duchene, Ryan Getzlaf, Chris Kunitz, Patrick Marleau, Rick Nash, Corey Perry, Patrick Sharp, Steven Stamkos, John Tavares, Jonathan Toews.

chose to put together a team of "different dimensions," in the words of Detroit Red Wings GM Ken Holland. Kunitz brings natural chemistry with Sidney Crosby, Marleau a mix of speed and scoring and Carter a nose for the net.

By the time the management team — made up of Yzerman, Holland, Chiarelli, Arm-

strong, Kevin Lowe, Hockey Canada executive Brad Pascall and coach Mike Babcock — got down to the final meeting, there was a general consensus on all three goaltenders, seven defencemen and 11 or 12 forwards.

Then it got down to brass tacks.

"The decisions, the late-

Motivating factors

"They're the people who make me better. So I hope they keep critiquing and finding things to talk about."

Team Canada's P.K. Subban, whose critics remain even after leading all NHL defencemen with 38 points in 42 games last season.

night wrangling, it's like you go over things four, five, six, seven times," Chiarelli said. "Is this the right reason? Is this the right guy? What's the right reason? We talked about four or five guys at the end, and you have second thoughts, and you just got to be firm on what you believe and the fit."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Skiing

Decision to sit out Games leaves Vonn 'devastated'

Lindsey Vonn will miss the Sochi Olympics because of a right knee injury, leaving the Winter Games without one of its biggest stars.

The 29-year-old skier from Vail, Colo., announced her decision Tuesday, exactly one month before the opening ceremony in Russia. Her personal publicist, Lewis Kay, said in a statement Vonn will have surgery "shortly."

In a Facebook posting, Vonn said she is "devastated" to miss the Olympics, "but the reality has sunk in that my knee is just too unstable to compete at this level." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Cavs get better, Bulls save cash in Deng-Bynum swap

With their season quickly sliding toward yet another trip to the NBA lottery, the Cleveland Cavaliers had to do something to slow their freefall toward irrelevance.

The Cavs acquired Luol Deng, a two-time all-star small forward with Chicago, early Tuesday in a trade from the Bulls for Andrew Bynum.

As expected, the Bulls waived Bynum, who has chronically bad knees and has played just 24 games the past two seasons. Bynum was due another \$6 million on the \$24 million, two-year contract he signed with Cleveland in July, and the Bulls would have had to pay him if he was kept past Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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Blues push Oilers back into loss column



The Oilers' Brad Hunt chases David Backes of the Blues on Tuesday night at Rexall Place. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vladimir Tarasenko had a goal and an assist as the St. Louis Blues won their season-high sixth game in a row, 5-2 over the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday.

Chris Stewart, Maxim Lapierre, David Backes and Patrick Berglund also scored for the Blues who have gone 11-1-2 in their last 14 games to move two points back of the Central Division-leading Chicago Blackhawks.

Nail Yakupov and Mark Arcobello replied for the Oilers, who have lost five of their last

On Tuesday

5

Blues

2

Oilers

six games and 11 of 14.

St. Louis took the lead for good midway through the second when its power-play unit kept the Oilers hemmed in their own zone for a minute-

and-a-half before Backes finally picked the top corner to make the score 3-2.

The Blues made it 4-2 with six minutes left in the second after a faceoff win allowed Tarasenko to score on a quick shot from the top of the circle.

Berglund iced the game with an empty-net goal in the final minute.

The Blues play the second game of a three-game Western Canadian trip on Thursday in Calgary. The Oilers next play host to the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raptors off target against Pacers

NBA. Toronto shoots 37 per cent from the field in 86-79 loss to league-leading Pacers

Roy Hibbert scored 22 points and Danny Granger matched his season high with 13 to help Indiana hold off Toronto 86-79 Tuesday night.

The Pacers (28-6) won their third straight, retaining the NBA's best record by holding the Raptors to a season low in points.

Toronto (16-17) has lost two straight on the road — at Miami and Indiana — after winning four straight. The Raptors were led by DeMar DeRozan with 28 and Patrick Patterson with 20 against a Pacers team that looked more like itself after losing north of the border last week.

Indiana had a 40-26 scoring advantage in the paint



The Pacers' Danny Granger contests a shot by Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan in Indianapolis on Tuesday.
AJ MAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and limited the Raptors to 37 per cent shooting from the field. And instead of struggling in the second half, the Pacers pulled away.

They closed the first half on an 8-3 spurt to take a 44-36 lead they extended to 17 in the third. Toronto couldn't get closer than six the rest of the way.

Not all went smoothly for the Pacers.

All-Star Paul George got into early foul trouble and never really got going. And the Pacers' usually solid outside shooters were just 1-for-11 from three-point range. But Indiana turned the tables on Toronto with an old combination.

The Pacers had a 53-36 rebounding edge, and filled the gaps with a balanced offence. Lance Stephenson fell just short of his fourth triple double of the season, finishing with 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists. George and George Hill each added 11.

Kyle Lowry scored 16 for the Raptors.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	42	28	12	2	124	89	58
Tampa Bay	43	26	13	4	123	102	56
Montreal	44	25	14	5	114	103	55
Detroit	43	19	14	10	114	121	48
Toronto	44	21	18	5	122	132	47
Ottawa	44	19	18	7	126	141	45
Florida	43	16	21	6	102	136	38
Buffalo	42	12	26	4	74	118	28

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	44	31	12	1	142	103	63
Philadelphia	43	22	17	4	114	118	48
Washington	42	20	16	6	128	128	46
Carolina	43	18	16	9	105	124	45
N.Y. Rangers	44	21	20	3	108	119	45
New Jersey	44	17	18	9	103	113	43
Columbus	43	19	20	4	117	126	42
N.Y. Islanders	45	16	22	7	124	149	39

Tuesday's results

Nashville 3 San Jose 2
N.Y. Islanders 5 Toronto 3
Philadelphia 3 New Jersey 2 (OT)
Phoenix 6 Calgary 0
St. Louis 5 Edmonton 2
Tampa Bay 4 Winnipeg 2
Carolina at Buffalo (ppd., storm)
Boston at Anaheim
Pittsburgh at Vancouver
Minnesota at Los Angeles

Monday's results

Calgary 4 Colorado 3
Columbus 4 N.Y. Rangers 3 (SO)
Montreal 2 Florida 1
N.Y. Islanders 7 Dallas 3
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	45	29	7	9	167	124	67
St. Louis	42	30	7	5	155	97	65
Colorado	42	26	12	4	123	108	56
Minnesota	44	22	17	5	106	113	49
Dallas	42	20	15	7	123	131	47
Nashville	44	19	19	6	105	131	44
Winnipeg	46	19	22	5	125	139	43

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	44	31	8	5	146	111	67
San Jose	44	27	11	6	144	114	60
Los Angeles	43	26	13	4	113	89	56
Vancouver	44	23	13	8	117	108	54
Phoenix	42	21	12	9	129	127	51
Calgary	43	15	22	6	100	137	36
Edmonton	46	14	27	5	119	161	33

Note: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	23	40	63
Kane, Chi	23	31	54
Tavares, NYI	20	31	51
Getzlaf, Ana	20	28	48
Thornton, SJ	5	43	48
Kunitz, Pgh	23	24	47
Sharp, Chi	25	21	46
Backstrom, Wash	10	36	46

Not including last night's games

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD CARD WEEKEND

Sunday's results

AFC — San Diego 27 Cincinnati 10
NFC — San Francisco 23 Green Bay 20

Saturday's results

AFC — Indianapolis 45 Kansas City 44
NFC — New Orleans 26 Philadelphia 24

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

NFC — New Orleans at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
AFC — Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday's games
NFC — San Francisco at Carolina, 1:05 p.m.
AFC — San Diego at Denver, 4:40 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	28	6	.824	—
d-Miami	27	8	.771	1 1/2
Atlanta	18	17	.514	10 1/2
d-Toronto	16	17	.485	11 1/2
Washington	15	17	.469	12
Chicago	15	18	.455	12 1/2
Charlotte	15	21	.417	14
Detroit	14	21	.400	14 1/2
Brooklyn	13	21	.382	15
Boston	13	22	.371	15 1/2
New York	12	22	.353	16
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16 1/2
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	16 1/2
Orlando	10	24	.294	18
Milwaukee	7	27	.206	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	—
d-San Antonio	27	8	.771	—
Portland	26	8	.765	1/2
d-Golden State	24	13	.649	4
L.A. Clippers	24	13	.649	4
Houston	22	13	.629	5
Phoenix	20	13	.606	6
Dallas	20	15	.571	7
Denver	17	17	.500	9 1/2
Minnesota	17	17	.500	9 1/2
New Orleans	15	18	.455	11
Memphis	15	19	.441	11 1/2
L.A. Lakers	14	21	.400	13
Utah	12	25	.324	16
Sacramento	10	22	.313	15 1/2

Tuesday's results

Chicago 92 Phoenix 87
Cleveland 111 Philadelphia 93
Dallas 110 L.A. Lakers 97
Denver 129 Boston 98
Golden State 101 Milwaukee 88
Indiana 86 Toronto 79
Miami 107 New Orleans 88
New York 89 Detroit 85
San Antonio 110 Memphis 108 (OT)
Utah 112 Oklahoma City 101
Washington 97 Charlotte 83
Portland at Sacramento
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Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.



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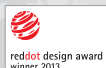
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Santa Fe takes on a snowstorm

Review. A 300-plus kilometre night-time trek in treacherous weather reveals the Hyundai model's winter prowess

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Mother Nature was all crabby-pants during my recent December test of the latest Hyundai Santa Fe, so she dumped about two feet of snow all over my hometown, then made the mercury plummet like Miley Cyrus's artistic standards.

Temperatures landed somewhere around 30 below, which is (delightfully) too cold for road salt to work. Prior to this, there was snow. Lots of snow. The second big, "all-night-long" dumping of the season. It left over a foot on the ground.

Naturally, I did what I always do when there's an all-night-long dumping of snow up here in Sudbury, Ont. I grabbed some buddies, some large double-doubles, and drove repeatedly around every unplowed back road I could find.

A few nights after this, I travelled 300 kilometres down Highway 69 after dark. That distance was spread evenly between extreme cold over frozen hard-packed ice-strips and then slightly warmer temperatures accompanied by zero-visibility, blowing snow, and deep powder. A few noteworthy points about the wintertime driving experience of the tested 2013 Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD came to light in the process.

Proper ESC Calibration

In many winter situations, wheelspin is a good thing—and most of the time, the ESC in



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2014 Hyundai Santa Fe

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2-litre four cylinder, turbocharged and direct injected (264)
- **Transmissions.** 6-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$26,599

Tires

All wheel drive, ABS brakes and electronic stability control DO NOT make traction. The only way to increase the physical grip between a vehicle and a slippery road is with proper tires. Electronic aids or not, riding all-season tires in conditions like these would result in poor directional stability.

Xenon lights

My only complaint: xenon lights are typically great in a snowstorm. The ones in the Santa Fe were adequate, not mind-blowing. In clear conditions, they're more than adequate. For some reason, the light output diminishes notably when there's even a small amount of snow or ice on the lenses — and there's no washer system.

braking and acceleration than a Michelin X-Ice or Pirelli Sot-tozero, but they are remarkably stable in a straight line and while steering.

AWD Done Right

Santa Fe's AWD system is clever and well set up for driving in nasty winter weather. The AWD system uses inputs from numerous sensors to pre-engage 4-wheel power in many situations when accelerating from a stop. Even with extremely light throttle in deep snow, it'll often power all four wheels from a stand still — preemptively increasing traction instead of letting the front wheels slip before engaging the rear ones. Otherwise, when the system brings the rear wheels online for propulsion, they engage quickly—within about 2 or 3 revolutions of the front wheels, and get a good share of engine power. This AWD system isn't shy about calling the rear wheels into play, and when all four tires spin, power is split actively to maximize extraction of available traction. There's even a 'lock' setting to pre-set the system into a 50/50 power split, though I never needed to use it. No issues with needless tire spinning or harshness during shifting power between the front and rear. In virtually any situation, this setup feels like it knows what it's doing.

the Santa Fe allows enough of it. Wheelspin allows snow to be flung from the treads for better contact with the ground beneath the tires — so when you give Santa Fe the boots coming out of a parking lot and onto a busy street, it lets the wheels spin a little faster than they can grip to ensure you get moving quickly. In real life, this is more favorable than overly aggressive ESC systems that numb the throttle at any sign of wheelspin, cross their

arms, report your activities to the fun police, and leave you throttleless in front of traffic. Ultimately, you'll feel like you're calling the shots, not the vehicle — and that's a good thing.

Hill Start Assist

Stop on a hill, and Santa Fe freezes the pressure in the brake lines for a few seconds while your foot moves from the brakes to the gas. This prevents rollback, makes life eas-

ier for the transmission, and also makes it far more likely that you'll get moving again after being stopped on an icy incline. After all, nothing's more embarrassing than holding up traffic while you spin all four tires and slide backwards like a sucker. The tester wore Hankook Winter I-Cept Evo tires in its 19-inch OEM size. I found them a nicely balanced all-round winter performance tire. They're perhaps slightly more slippery during hard

Finally

After arriving at my destination, there was approximately 147 pounds of salty brown filthy road-guck frozen to the underside of the Santa Fe's front doors. Thankfully, those front doors actually cover the structural rocker panel where this frozen mess typically accumulates on most rides. Open the door, and the mess goes with it, revealing a clean-as-a-whistle surface to step over and keeping your pants clean.

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What does your vehicle communicate to you and how do you respond to it? JIL MCINTOSH/METRO

Automotive communication.

Researchers are figuring out the best way for your car to talk to you

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Although it can't carry on a conversation, your car communicates with you. Depending on how it's equipped, this can be anything from a warning when your seat belt isn't fastened, to chimes and lights if there's a vehicle alongside when you're trying to change lanes.

But those warning signals aren't randomly selected: "It requires significant testing and development," says Birsan Donmez, an assistant professor of industrial engineering at the University of Toronto, who is working on a safety feedback program for Toyota. "Not everyone might react the same way to the same type of feedback, and the issue is to understand how to personalize these systems, because humans are so variable."

While Donmez isn't designing the actual systems, she's researching how drivers react to the feedback

To note

- **Warnings aren't the only issue.** Researchers also look at incentives such as fuel economy gauges, to be sure they aren't too distracting.
- **With and without.** In addition to seeing how subjects react to feedback, researchers also look at how they drive when it's taken away afterwards, to see how effective it is.
- **Admissions.** Test subjects are more likely to admit they do something, such as texting while driving, if they think other people are okay with it, but are less likely to admit anti-social behaviours such as impaired driving.

they're getting, and what types are most effective for the maximum number of drivers. The system must be effective enough to get the driver's attention, but can't be so distracting that it diverts all of the driver's focus, and he or she ends up hitting the object that initially triggered the warning.

Factors that go into feedback design include what sets off a warning, such as speeding or wandering out of the lane; when the warning goes off; if it's visual

or makes a sound, or both; how long it's on, and what information it provides to the driver.

Researchers use a variety of methods for testing, including focus groups, questionnaires to assess the risks that drivers might take, and driving simulators. For some projects, the test subjects drive in real-world conditions.

In one analysis, Donmez worked with Transport Canada to monitor a group of drivers and their reaction to vehicle feedback when they were speeding or following too close to the vehicle in front. Not only did this provide information on the feedback, but it also let the researchers determine which drivers reacted most strongly to it, which could allow engineers to design systems that deliver the greatest assistance.

With so many individual drivers though, the system has to be geared toward providing benefit for a maximum number of people. "We go for the average, rather than each individual driver, unless it poses a danger for some drivers," Donmez says.

"At the worst case, you don't see a benefit (for every driver), but you don't see a decline in performance. You don't want to endanger anyone with the system."

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Automakers cosy up to electronics industry

Consumer Electronic Show. Car companies turn out in force to showcase such things as laser high-beam headlights and the solar panel roof



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Billed as the world's largest technology trade show, the Consumer Electronic Show (CES) in Las Vegas is eagerly anticipated by the geeky gadget crowd, and pointedly ignored by folks at the other end of the spectrum, who think the world went to crap around 1980, when computers and microchips first arrived in force and started taking over our souls.

The automakers have become very interested of late in CES, and this year's show happening right now has a record nine automakers participating.

Their presence seems not



Similar to a magnifying glass, the Ford C-MAX Solar Energi Concept's "concentrator" solar panel roof also has a patent-pending system that tracks the sun as it moves from east to west. COURTESY FORD

so much as an opportunity to show off their new tech stuff — which they do all the time at auto shows — but more as a way to integrate themselves into the Silicon Valley culture and leverage the exciting technology coming forth from the consumer electronics industry.

Automakers increasingly need to be in that faster-moving milieu. Product cycles in the auto industry are five years or longer. The consumer electronic industry works a bit

faster, yes?

And technology seems to be a more collaborative endeavour than it's ever been: witness the announcement at CES that Audi, GM, Google, Honda, Hyundai and NVIDIA have joined together to form the Open Automotive Alliance (OAA) to bring the Android platform to cars.

"The worlds of consumer and automotive technologies have never been more closely aligned, and this alliance will



The low beam headlights on the Audi Sport Quattro are LED technology. The high beams are lasers. COURTESY AUDI

only pave the way for faster innovation," said Ricky Hudi, head of electrics and electronics development at Audi AG.

Audi is displaying its Sport Quattro concept car at CES. The hybrid sports coupe is brimming with technology, but I'm focused on its laser high-beam headlights. Yes, lasers. Apparently, the high beams have a range of 500 metres — roughly twice the distance of regular high beams. Lasers are also very energy-efficient.

Their primary downsides are cost and an intolerance of heat. In the future those drawbacks should be overcome, and experts predict they will peacefully coexist with LED lights, which still have a lot of love to give.

Hyundai announced its new Genesis sedan would be integrated with the amazing Google Glass. Drivers won't be able to use the futuristic glasses while driving, but integrated software will let driv-

ers do all sorts of "pre-drive" functions with them, such as remote start, navigation and music settings.

Ford's major CES display is the Ford C-MAX Solar Energi Concept. Like all C-Max plug-in hybrids, this concept can be charged by its on-board charger running off the gasoline engine and by plugging it into the grid. The concept goes one step further, with a solar panel roof that provides the same electricity as a four-hour plug-in session, although it would need a full day's worth of daylight to make it happen.

Similar to a magnifying glass, the Concept's "concentrator" solar panel roof also has a patent-pending system that tracks the sun as it moves from east to west.

The concept is a collaborative project between Ford, SunPower Corp. and the Georgia Institute of Technology. The institute will begin to test the vehicle in real-world scenarios for its feasibility as a production car. Such a vehicle would be particularly awesome in places where the electrical grid sucks or just doesn't exist.

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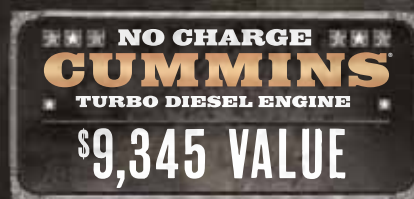
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Check transmission on used Sport Trac

Second gear.

2007-2010
Ford Explorer
Sports Trac

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With an eye for flexibility, capability and style, the Ford Explorer Sport Trac hit its second generation for 2007 and was carried on until 2010. The dressed-up four-door pickup was geared towards lifestyle-oriented shoppers, and included four-wheel drive variants. Look for chrome accents, step-boards, navigation, a sunroof, leather seating, reverse park assist, a power rear window, Ford Sync and plenty more. A top-line 'Adrenaline' model adds more visual flare with a unique grille treatment, unique headlamps, 20-inch wheels and more.

Common issues

Transmission problems come up first and foremost when checking out reliability of this generation Sport Trac. Signs of trouble on your test-drive include slipping, hesitation or roughness from the gear shifts, especially when switching between reverse and drive. In most cases, the problems are computer-related, not mechanical in nature, and a Ford mechanic can help ensure that's the case. The six-speed transmission and V8 engine combination looks like the safest bet. The five-speed automatic and V6 engine combination isn't recommended, due to additional problems

reported frequently in the owner's community. That's right fellas: the V8 is your best bet, here. Drive slowly while turning and listen for any unwelcome popping, clicking or grinding sounds, which could indicate a problem with the rear differential or wheel bearings. Note that any sloppiness to the steering over bumps, possibly coupled with unwelcome sounds, could indicate a problem with the front suspension too. Cycle through the four-wheel drive modes, ensuring all engage and disengage as outlined in the owner's manual.

What owners like



Sport Trac owners tend to rave about the available Pioneer stereo system, easy-to-clean interior, flexibility, space, traction, and a solid, tough and rugged feel. Performance with the V8 engine is also highly rated.

What owners dislike



Common gripes include difficulty accessing cargo due to Sport Trac's deep bed, some cheap interior trim, fuel mileage with the V8 engine, and cheap, flimsy door handles.

Engine



Shoppers could opt for a four-litre V6 with 210 horsepower, or a 4.6 litre, 292-horsepower V8. An automatic transmission was standard on all models and towing capacity was rated at 7,000 lbs.

The verdict

It's the capability, flexibility and utility of the Sport Trac that will likely work hardest to attract customers to used models. The Sport Trac with the V8 engine is likely the most reliable bet, but a mechanical check-over focusing on the transmission and rear differential should be considered mandatory ahead of your purchase.



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March 21 - April 20

This is one of those days when you would rather be anywhere than where you are supposed to be. If you can find a legit way out of the situation then go for it. But if you fail to turn up, you could create a powerful enemy.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Honest effort gets results, so keep plugging away at what you are working on and don't get dispirited if results are slow. Nothing you do is wasted and one day soon you will make that breakthrough you long for.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

It may appear as if someone is being deliberately obstructive, but you should ask yourself if there was something you said or did that could have turned them against you. If so, it's not too late to say sorry.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Why are you pessimistic about your prospects? You may not have gotten everything you wanted recently but there is always tomorrow. You'll feel positive closer to the weekend.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

No matter how unsettling the changes that are taking place may be, keep telling yourself that in the long-term they will work in your favour. Your life story is unfolding as it should.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Do something today that livens things up both at home and at work. Some may think you lost your senses but they are just the sort of people who have been dragging you down.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

This is an important time for you and you will be making major changes to your lifestyle. The full moon on the 16th will clear away obstacles. Between now and then, plan big.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It seems you have made an error of judgment and all you can do is say sorry. If you sound sincere, others will forgive you and you can move on. But if your apology is grudging, bad feelings are likely to linger.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Most times your hunches are spot on but the planets warn your instincts are not to be trusted today, so take care. This is one of those occasions when you must stick to facts.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Your relationship with authority may not be as good as it should be today, so watch what you say and be ready to back off if a conversation gets heated. You'll be the loser if it gets ugly.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may think someone is keeping something from you, but don't let it worry you. It's unlikely to be bad news and it's even possible they are planning some kind of surprise.

Pisces

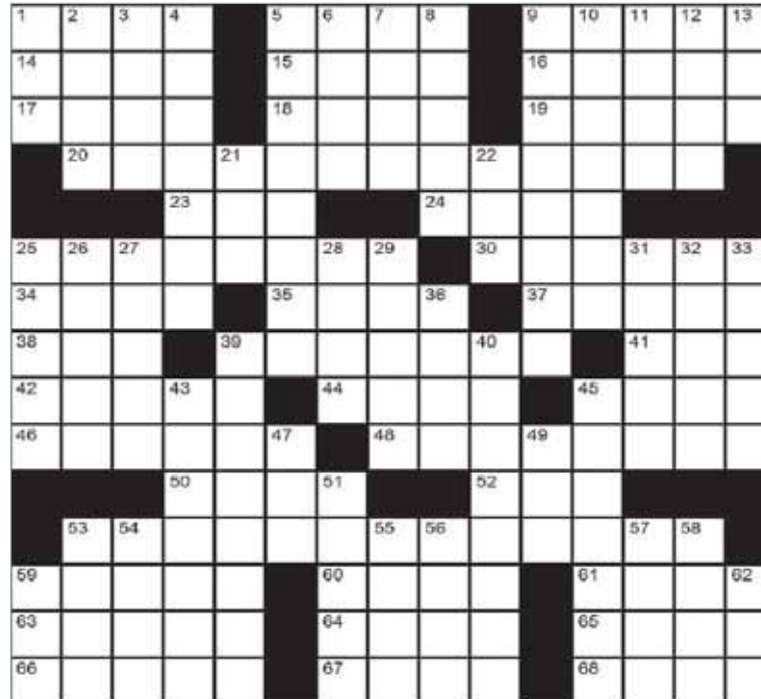
Feb. 20 - March 20

You must let a certain person know that you have no intention of allowing them to get rich at your expense. Today's Mars-Jupiter link will bring tensions to a head — say what's on your mind.
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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Country legend Johnny
5. Interlock
9. ___ Canada (Pest control company)
14. Vicinity
15. ___ sax
16. Husky
17. Canadian actor Raymond
18. T.Rex's style
19. Some ducks
20. The ancient Ichthyosaur, for one: 2 wds.
23. Bear: Spanish
24. Rug sort
25. Ski resort transports
30. The ___ Works ('80s band)
34. Lennon's in-laws
35. "...see ___ believe..."
37. Comedy's Mr. Anderson
38. Orchestra ___
39. Old Montreal horse-drawn carriage
41. TV show taper
42. Mo of CBS' "Sunday Morning"
44. "I could ___ horse!"
45. Gladiator's 1502
46. Waiting to be connected: 2 wds.
48. Alberta community near the Saskatchewan border
50. Mister Ed's hair
52. Slangy put down
53. "Moonstruck"



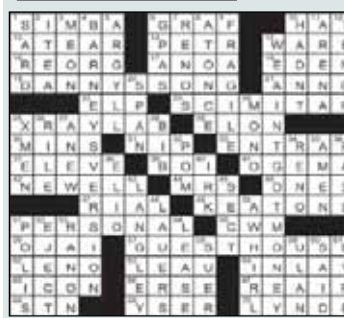
- (1987) Canadian director: 2 wds.
59. Hawaiian island
60. Makeover show, "___ on a Dime"
61. Type of mineral
63. "It's ___ from God!"
64. Ended
65. ___ In Canada
66. Quebec 'cup'

67. Jewel's "You ___ Meant for Me"
 68. Bread spread
- Down**
1. Fare vehicle
 2. Lily kind
 3. Evening, in Italy
 4. England: London department store
 5. Julia in her 1989 'Steel' movie

6. Fashion magazine
7. Celestial body
8. Abodes
9. Barrier
10. Member of Canadian quartet The Tenors, Mr. Pereira
11. Ship part
12. "The Safety Dance" bit: "...can dance ___ want to..."

13. Albany is its cap.
21. Prefix to 'thermal'
22. Fraternity letter
25. Give up amateur status: 2 wds.
26. Blooming ___ (Starter menu item)
27. Top-___ (The best)
28. The Jetty ___ Havre (Claude Monet painting)
29. Choo-choo-ing stuff
31. Blue Rodeo singer Jim
32. Bon Jovi's "___ ' on a Prayer"
33. "___, Indiana" (Early-'90s TV series)
36. Prefix to 'gon' (Eight-sided shape)
39. Medicine Cabinet: ___ lotion
40. Canadian store HH = Home ___
43. Canadian fashion label since 1983
45. "Cityline" 3 Chefs member, Mr. Capra
47. Scientific ID
49. Nintendo game console
51. Fund
53. Rocket org.
54. Nons opposites
55. Bee Gees' "___ Talkin'"
56. Rarely, hardly ___
57. ___ agreement
58. Connecting point
59. Nightspot in Broadway musical Cabaret, Kit ___ Klub
62. New

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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